Statement II

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of families	Members
1	Haryana	205	1265
2	Delhi	933	..
3	Uttar Pradesh	67	305
4	Bihar	7	45
5	Rajasthan	6	29
6	Madhya Pradesh	15	56
7	Gujarat	19	47
8	West Bengal	2	9
9	Assam	1	5
10	Himachal Pradesh	1	5

Financial Position of Municipal Corporations in Punjab

123. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporations, of the three important towns of Punjab viz., Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar are in several financial straits;

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken in this regard; and

(c) what amount was sanctioned for new projects in each of these towns during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The Government of Punjab have reported that Municipal Corporations of Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Amritsar are facing financial difficulties. The remedial measures like effective recoveries of municipal taxes, plugging of other loopholes and extensive raids to realise taxes, ban on new recruitment and raising loans to overcome the financial difficulties have been taken. A sum of Rs. 50 lakhs was sanctioned for 66 KV sub station in Amritsar. All the three Corporations are spending on the usual development activities like pavements of streets and drains, repairs of roads and providing civic amenities of the towns.

Increase in eve-tessing incidents in Delhi

124. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late the number of incidents of eve-teasing inside the public buses and near women's colleges in Delhi have gone up;

(b) if so, what is the number of incidents of eve-teasing that took place during the last three months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to these incidents there is unrest among the College students and students of Delhi University; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to check such evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC

GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) During the last 3 months viz. from November, 1987 to January, 1988, 26 incidents of eve-teasing were reported compared to 13 such incidents in the corresponding period of last year. The increase is due to the greater vigilance on the part of the police and greater confidence among women to report such cases.

(c) Students of some colleges in the Delhi University campus area had held a demonstration in this regard on the 18th January, 1988 but there is no unrest as such.

(d) Steps like posting police personnel in uniform as well as in plain clothes at main bus stops, around girls schools/colleges and in running buses have been taken. The police control room vans also check the buses to curb this menace. Special drives are also frequently carried out.

Delhi Freedom Fighters appeal for increase in Pension

125. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freedom fighters of Delhi have appealed to Government for increase in pension since they were drawing Rs. 500 as compared to Rs. 900 in neighbouring States and for other facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken to fulfil their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Delhi State Freedom Fighters Committee have been requesting for grant of pension to the freedom fighters belonging to the Union Territory of Delhi by the Delhi Administration, in addition to the pension from the Central Government.

(b) The matter is under active consideration.

Convening of an all-party meeting to so Punjab Problem

126. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHR
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAI be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab unit of the Co munist Party of India has suggested to t Union Government to convene an all-pa meeting at the National level to evolve political solution to the Punjab proble and

(b) if so, what are the details in t regard and what is Central Governmen reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBL GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SH P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) their Memorandum dated 28th Septembe 1987, the Punjab State Council, Comm nist Party of India, Chandigarh *inter-al* stated that "Prime Minister should ta initiative to build national consensus of least all patriotic secular parties and forc to find political solution to Punjab pro lem. The Punjab accord provides go basis for such solution and national co cenusu."

The Government has made since efforts to solve the Punjab problem a implement the Punjab Accord and effo in this direction are continuing. Out 11 items in the Memorandum of Settleme 8 items have already been implement and action has been initiated to impl ment the remaining 3 items as well.

Criticism of loan melas by the Chairma of public sector banks

127. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ch man of Public Sector Banks have critic